(b) and (c) The production cost of each the items is covered by the respective selling price. However, taking the working cost into account, loss is incurred on postcards and inland letters, while postal envelopes (letters) have yielded profits during this period. There is no proposal at present, specifically to eliminate the losses on these items. However, Postal tariffs are reviewed from time to time and the last revision was effected in June 1990.

Techno-Economic clearance of Projects by Central Electricity Authority

*550. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of schemes that have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority for installation of Gas based Thermal Power Projects in various States during the last three years;

(b) when were these schemes received for techno-economic appraisal and what was their estimate at the time of submission; when were they cleared and what was the estimated cost of each at the time of clearance; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the period between receipt and clearance of a project by the Central Electricity Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) 17 scheme with a total capacity of 5762.5 MW have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority for installation of Gas-based Thermal Projects in various States during the last three years. The required details in respect of these schemes are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 62]

(c) In order to ensure that examination of schemes is conducted expeditiously, the Central Electricity Authority has issued guidelines to all State Electricity Boards/Utilities, or preparation of Feasibility Reports. On receipt of a Feasibility Report, a preliminary security is made and the project authority is immediately requested to furnish the missing details. After the preliminary examination, simultaneous examination of the scheme is undertaken in respect of various aspects such as reasonableness of the cost estimates, suitability and adequacy of transmission system, justification of the project from power demand and supply angle, suitability of the location of the project, Environment and Forest clearance, etc., and the scheme is accorded techno-economic clearance as soon as the essential inputs/ clearances are tied up.

उत्तर प्रदेश में अनपारा परियोजना के लिए जापानी सहायता

*551. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल** क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री 28 जुलाई, 1992 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 2044 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अनपारा परियोजना की पारेषण लाइनों पर कितनी राशि खर्च होगी और उसमें जापानी सहायता की राशि कितनी होगी तथा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड उस पर कितनी राशि खर्च करेगा ;

(ख) क्या केंद्रीय सरकार को जापानी सहायता के आबंटन के भुगतान के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड से कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है, यदि हाँ, तो कब और यदि नहीं, तो क्या केंद्रीय सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार बिजली बोर्ड से ऐसा अनुरोध करने को कहेगी ; और

(ग) क्या केंद्रीय सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को निर्देश देगी कि वह पारेषण लाइनें बिछाने में जो कमियां रह गई हैं उन्हें दूर करें ?